

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-7 without prejudice.

1. Canceled

2. Canceled

3. Canceled

4. Canceled

5. (Original) An optical element formed by a material capable of transmitting therethrough a visible light and containing a pattern consisting of different portions having different optical properties, wherein said pattern is capable of diffracting a visible light.

6. Canceled

7. Canceled